

Addressing Guidelines

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A guide for the placement and display of home and business addresses.

Many communities have ordinances that require homes and businesses to display a street address. This ordinance may state the exact size of numbering. Be sure to check with your city or county for local ordinances regarding home and business addressing.

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Numbers – Is your number up?

- ☐ Building numbers should be Arabic (not Roman or spelled out) and should be 4” tall.
- ☐ The numbers should contrast with the immediate background.
- ☐ The material the numbers are made from should be durable and reflective.

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Placement - Show your Numbers

- ☐ Address numbers must be on the front of the building or on a separate structure such as a post or wall.
- ☐ Address numbers must be clearly visible from the street which the building is addressed. If your home or business is located a distance from the roadway, it is important to post the address on a fence or other structure that is easily visible from the street.

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Maintenance – We can't help you, if we can't find you.

- ☐ Periodically check your address for obstruction by paint or shrubs and make sure all the numbers are still in place.
- ☐ If a portion of your address numbers are missing, you may need to verify your address with the City or County Building Department.

Reference: *International Fire Code Section 505 Premise Identification 505.1 Address numbers*